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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kaoru ARAI et al.

Group Art Unit : 1734

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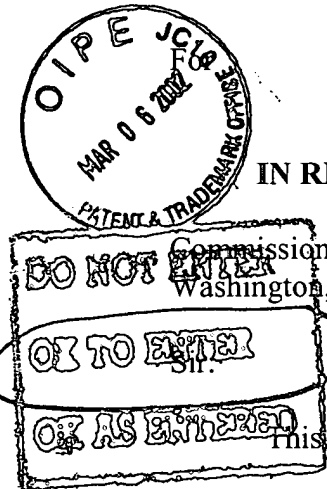
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: CERAMIC COMPOSITE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231



This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 6, 2001, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response March 6, 2002.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and government fees associated therewith should not be required. However, if for any reason an extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, such as an extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.
___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
___ A Request for Extension of Time.
X No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 19	*20	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 2	**3	0	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+140=	\$	+280=	\$0.00
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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of times fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3)

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